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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of JOST

Application No. 10/031,160

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Group Art Unit:

For: SEAL FOR MEDIUM-CONDUCTING COMPONENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Amended) A detachable sealing system for media-carrying parts
2 comprising:
3 a seal adjacent to a wall of a media-carrying area, which seals the sealing
4 system when the parts are braced against one another,
5 wherein the parts have mutually precisely complimentary sealing surfaces,
6 which are directly pressed onto one another to form a clearance-free seal at a contact
7 surface, and
8 wherein the contact surface between the sealing surfaces is limited to a narrow
9 area directly adjacent to the media-carrying area.

1 2. (Amended) The sealing system according to claim 1, wherein the
2 contact surface has a width of 1/5,000 to 1/50 of a nominal width of the sealing
3 system.